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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/578,736	Applicant(s) GENOSAR ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 2, drawn to a dispensing container having a "tube-like container".

Group II, claim(s) 5, drawn to a dispensing container having an air compensation valve.

Group III, claim(s) 6, drawn to a dispensing container having a button which "is a formed section of said container wall".

Group IV, claim(s) 7, drawn to a dispensing container having a button that is a marked non-formed section of the container wall.

Group V, claim(s) 8, drawn to a dispensing container having a pumping assembly of a single plastic component surrounded by a diaphragm.

Group VI, claim(s) 9 and 28, drawn to a dispensing container having a pumping assembly of a single hinged plastic component with integral valve sections.

Group VII, claim(s) 11, drawn to a dispensing container having a pumping assembly which is head-injected into the container.

Group VIII, claim(s) 12, drawn to a dispensing container having a through notch in the container wall.

Group IX, claim(s) 13, drawn to a dispensing container having a tamper-evident seal.

Group X, claim(s) 15, drawn to a dispensing container having an additional button.

Group XI, claim(s) 16, drawn to a dispensing container having a plurality of pumping assemblies and buttons.

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Group XII, claim(s) 17, drawn to a dispensing container having a plurality of inner container sleeves arranged to dispense different substances together.

Group XIII, claim(s) 18, drawn to a dispensing container having a plurality of inner container sleeves arranged to dispense a plurality of mixed substances.

Group XIV, claim(s) 19, drawn to a dispensing container having a collapsible inner container sleeve.

Group XV, claim(s) 20, drawn to a dispensing container having a piston which advances from the far end of the container.

Group XVI, claim(s) 23, drawn to a dispensing container having a specified liquid.

Group XVII, claim(s) 24, drawn to a dispensing container having a child safety valve.

Group XVIII, claim(s) 26, drawn to a dispensing container having an additional isolated compartment containing an item.

Group XIX, claim(s) 27, drawn to a dispensing container having a shipping seal.

The inventions listed as Groups I-XIX do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: While the claims of Groups I-XIX share the common technical features found in claim 1 or claims 1 and 3, those common features are not “special technical features” since they do not define a contribution which each of the claimed inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art. Specifically the common technical features of claims 1 or claims 1 and 3 (as well as non-common technical features of claims 4, 10, 14, 21, 22, 25, and 29), are anticipated by US Patent No. 4,149,633 to Nilson.

2. This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species are as follows:

Figures 1a and 1b, 2,3a-b;

Figure 1c;

Figures 4a-c;

Figure 4d;

Figures 5 and 6a-c;

Figures 7a-c and 8a-d.

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:

The mapping of the claims to the species can not be determined since many of the claimed features do not appear to be depicted in the Figures. Applicant's assistance is requested in associating the claims with the appropriate species.

The following claim(s) are generic: at least claim 1 appears to be generic.

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The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The species as disclosed are mutually exclusive.

3. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

4. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KENNETH BOMBERG whose telephone number is (571)272-4922. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and alternative Fridays.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin P. Shaver can be reached on (571)272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

6. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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